

AGENDA

Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization

7:00 PM – March 18, 2009

- 1. Call to Order** Lee Myers
- 2. Approval of Minutes** Lee Myers
ACTION REQUESTED: Approve January 2009 minutes as presented.

3. Citizen Comment Period

- 4. American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Action** Bill Coxe
ACTION REQUESTED: The following action is requested:
- 1. Amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include all projects submitted by MUMPO's member jurisdictions as well as those proposed by NCDOT.*
 - 2. Endorse Scenario 1 as the project priority list for the \$20.1 million in Surface Transportation Program-Direct Attributable (STP-DA) funds allocated to MUMPO.*
 - 3. Endorse the bicycle and pedestrian project list as the priority list for project funding.*

BACKGROUND: Some projects that are to be funded are not currently in the 2009-2015 TIP. March MPO action is important because the current long-range transportation plan (LRTP) expires on May 3, 2009. This will result in MUMPO entering an air quality conformity grace period until an updated LRTP is adopted. At its March 5 meeting, the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) unanimously recommended that the MPO support the above three action requests. Please see the attached memorandum for additional information.

ATTACHMENTS: Memorandum and project lists.

- 5. Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ)** Bjorn Hansen
ACTION REQUESTED: Amend the TIP to include the projects listed on the attachment.

BACKGROUND: The projects presented for TIP amendments will be funded with unused funds from a 2004 call for CMAQ projects. They were first analyzed by a TCC subcommittee organized to make a recommendation to the full TCC. Upon presentation to the full TCC on March 5, 2009, they were unanimously endorsed and recommended for inclusion in the TIP. Please see the attached memorandum for additional information.

ATTACHMENT: Memorandum and project list.

- 6. Regional Travel Demand Model Memorandum of Agreement** Anna Gallup
ACTION REQUESTED: Approve and sign the Memorandum of Agreement.

BACKGROUND: The attached Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) outlines the roles and responsibilities of the various agencies involved and documents the procedures for the continued development, modification, maintenance, and use of the Metrolina Regional Travel Demand Model. The MOA replaces the Model Governance for the Metrolina Regional Model, dated June 30, 2003. This MOA supplements and supports, but does not supersede the Metrolina Regional Travel Demand Model Maintenance Reimbursement Agreement, dated May 14, 2007, or the

various Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) and Prospectuses that are required as part of the ongoing transportation planning process for each of the region's MPOs and RPOs. The Metrolina Regional Model Executive Committee approved this document on Feb. 19, 2009. At its March 5 meeting, the TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO approve the MOA.

ATTACHMENT: Please visit the MUMPO website home page at www.mumppo.org to view the MOA. It can be found in the right margin.

- 7. Prosperity Church Road Alignment at NC 73** Bill Coxe
ACTION REQUESTED: Endorse the proposed alignment modification.

BACKGROUND: The Towns of Davidson, Cornelius and Huntersville jointly participated in a small area plan for the area around the NC 73/Davidson-Concord Road/future Prosperity Church Road intersection. Davidson has adopted the plan, Huntersville has accepted the plan and Cornelius is considering the plan. That plan recommends a shift in the alignment of Prosperity Church Road and a quadrant roadway intersection configuration for the intersection operations. A detailed proposal for the realignment was submitted in conjunction with a rezoning in Huntersville. A public hearing on the matter was held by the Town. The Town Board has endorsed the realignment and requests that the TCC also endorse it and forward it to the MUMPO for approval. At its March 5 meeting, the TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO approve the requested alignment modification.

ATTACHMENT: Memorandum; maps; additional background material.

- 8. Charlotte Gateway Station Environmental Assessment** David Carol
ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: The Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) has prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) for the Charlotte Gateway Station. This facility will be located at W. Trade and Graham streets and will be served by CATS' North Corridor line, buses and streetcar, as well as by Amtrak and Greyhound. An overview of the project will be provided. Please go to MUMPO's website for more information: www.mumppo.org.

- 9. FY 10 Unified Planning Work Program** Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt the FY 10 UPWP.

BACKGROUND: See attached memorandum. At its March 5 meeting, the TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO adopt the FY 10 UPWP.

ATTACHMENT: Memorandum.

- 10. MPO Self-Certification** Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt the attached resolution certifying MUMPO's compliance with all federal transportation planning laws, statutes, etc. during FY 09.

BACKGROUND: Federal regulations require MPOs to self-certify that they comply with all laws, statutes, etc. governing the transportation planning process. At its March 5 meeting, the TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO adopt the resolution.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft resolution.

- 11. 2011-2017 Candidate Projects List** Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt the 2011-2017 Candidate Projects List as presented.

BACKGROUND: The CPL is adopted at the beginning of the TIP development process and represents the funding priorities of the MPO. Included with the list are CMAQ projects that were not recommended for funding from MUMPO's 2004 Call for Projects unobligated balance. At its March 5 meeting, the TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO adopt the CPL.

ATTACHMENT: 2011-2017 Candidate Projects List.

- 12. Public Involvement Plan Revisions** Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt the revised PIP.

BACKGROUND: The need for a revised PIP is due to the adoption of SAFETEA-LU and the revised metropolitan planning rules that followed. A memorandum is attached that provides additional information. At its March 5 meeting, the TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO adopt the revised PIP. To review the draft PIP, please click on this link:

http://www.mumpo.org/Public_Involvement_Plan.htm

ATTACHMENT: Memorandum.

- 13. Long-Range Transportation Plan- Financial Element** Andrew Grzymiski
ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: A critical element of the LRTP is a financial plan that demonstrates how the LRTP can be implemented. The financial plan contains system-level estimates of costs and revenues that can be expected to be available over the life of the LRTP. At a future meeting, the MPO will be asked to adopt a financial plan.

- 14. Proposed Augustalee Development** Andrew Grant
ACTION REQUESTED: Approve the start of a public involvement process.

BACKGROUND: Augustalee is a planned mixed-use development in Cornelius. The project's developer has proposed to construct the following improvements:

- 1. An additional interchange on I-77*
- 2. Widen I-77 from south of exit 23 (Gilead Road) to exit 28 (Catawba Avenue)*
- 3. Widen US 21*
- 4. Extend Bailey Road across I-77 to Northcross Drive*
- 5. Improvements to Westmoreland Road*

The above projects are not in the TIP, and the interchange is not part of MUMPO's long-range transportation plan (LRTP). The Town of Cornelius is seeking to advance these projects by amending the TIP and the LRTP. The action being sought at this meeting is limited to approving the start of a public involvement effort. At its March 5 meeting, the TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO allow a public involvement effort to begin.

15. Equity Formula

Lee Myers

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI; possible action

BACKGROUND: Discussion of the current equity formula and a possible action plan concerning how to pursue changes to the statute.

ATTACHMENT: Equity formula statute.

16. Monroe Connector/Bypass

Steve DeWitt

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: Update on the progress of this project.

17. Adjourn